the expenditure in six years of \$72,000, which is to be raised by loan. The proposition will now go before the trunicipal assembly, and if finally passed the funds raised by the loans will be used to build 1,200 bogie type tram cars and fifty miles of new track. PAN-PACIFIC UNION

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Better rapid transport facilities in Tokio were practically assured when the local municipal council approved the street car estimtes, which contemplate of the institution 3,500,000 pounds.

MAY TAKE IN JAPAN

petus was given here to a movemen which will probably result in the early promotion of a Japan branch of the Pan-Pacific Union and the accession of Japan to the long list of Pacific countries already represented in this union.

Japan to the long list of Pacific countries aiready represented in this union. It is confidently expected that Premier Hara will accept the vice-presidency of the Japanese branch.

Those who were present when the plan was discussed at a luncheon in the Peers Club at the invitation of Alexander H. Ford, secretary-director of the Pan-Pacific Union, included Prince Tokugawa, American Charge d'Affaires Edward Eell, Mexican Charge d'Affaires S. M. de Alva, Viscount Tajira, Mayor of Tokio, several members of the visiting American Congressional party and members of both houses of the Imperial Diet, as well as prominent business men, scientists and officials.

During the discussion Mr. Ford described the present stage reached by the Pan-Pacific Union and some of its aims and hopes. He said it was a union of the lenders of thought of the Pacific countries and its base was scientific, and not the least of the services which he hoped it would render to the Pacific nations would be a scientific investigation of their problems.

"Immigration," he said, "for example, which the Japanese and Americans were in the habit of regarding as their own special problems, was, as a matter of fact, a problem which affected other Pacific bountries. Its source was to be found in economic conditions not in race prejudice alone, and therefore there was every reason to hope that a scientific study of the conditions of the Pacific countries and their capacities for receiving immigrants, and the extent to which they needed protection against immigration was likely to be of great service."

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heartily in cooperation and support of the Pan-Pacific Union. Viscount Megata the Pan-Pacific Union. Viscount Megata said it was a striking scene for the peace of the world when they find a company of representative men sitting around a table considering means of preserving the peace of the Pacific. They ought to get together more and more closely. "There is no need of European Powers in the Pacific."

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Representative Leonidas P. Dyer raiefly and eloquently declared that the United States had but one interest in the peoples of the Pacific and the far East. peoples of the Pacific and the far East, and that was their welfare. "There is nothing that we want in the Pacific and the far East except the friendship of their peoples," he said. "We have no official messages to give or receive, but if we can help the people of the United States to learn how noble and how splendid are the aspirations of the people of Japan we shall count our visit a successful one."

### SHIPPING CONCERNS AGREE ON TERMS

Increase in Pacific Fleets and Falling Off in Freight the Cause.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 15 .- With the in easing number of ships operating in he Pacific competition in the absorp tion of cargo has grown keener, and th ecent freight conferences in Kobe and Yokohama between American and Japasese shipping companies were intended to eliminate this competition by estab-lishing a conventional scale of freight

rates.

It is understood that the freight agreement will be put into effect early in October. However, there cannot be any appreciable improvement in the freight situation if the present falling off in the movements of cargo continues. It is said that a certain steamship could get only ninety tons of cargo in Japan for her trip to America.

Of the steamships operating in the Pacific American ships show the greatest increase, especially tramp steamsnips. According to the investigations of the

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Japan Shipowners Union three American regular liners totalling 18,974 tons,
and twenty-eight irregular steamships
totalling 174,574 tons, were operating
in the Pacific last June. In the correspending month of last year America

sponding month of last year America was operating only three regular liners with 17,456 tons, and three irregular steamships with 21,141 tons.

In contrast to the areat increase in the American tonnages Japanese ships operating in the Pacific show a considerable decrease in number, though their tonnage has increased. Last June 6 regular liners, totalling 10,349 tons and 12 regular steamships with 120,670 tons, were engaged in the Pacific, while in the corresponding month of last year 15 regular liners with 101,794 tons and 19 irregular steamships with 85,157 tons were in the trade.

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steamships. Last June, as in June, 1919, three British irregular steamships were operating in the Pacific, but this year's tonnage is 21,398 tons, as against 22,788 tons last year. In June this year one Norwegian steamship of 3,474 tons was engaged in the Pacific trade, but no vessel of Norwegian nationality was to be found on the Pacific run in June last

SINGAPORE'S TRADE GROWS. Increase of 50 Per Cent. Shown

in Year. SINGAPORE, Sept. 10.—Reports of the Keiantan Governbent reveal that the volume of trade for 1919 amounted to \$5,506,000, as compared with \$5,516,000 in 1918, representing an increase of over 50 per cent. Exports were valued at \$3,109,000 and imports at \$2,281,000. Large increases were noted in the exports of rubber copra and from ware.

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rubber, copra and iron ware.
Of the \$70,000 expended by the Department of Public Works against \$62,000 in 1918, \$40,000 was spent on roads, streets and bridges, and \$16,000 on works and buildings. In many parts of the city bridges are still necessary, as pedestrian passage only is possible. The completion of bridges for heavy carriages and carts over the Nai is planned.

### The Pekin Cart Built for Discomfort



Insufferably slow-unbelievably brutal-these carts are a common passenger conveyance in northern China. The axles turn with the wheels, the cart has no springs, the wheels are steel, studded on the sides of the rim for protection against the rocks and ruts, which combine in a usually successful effort to make life miserable for the occcpant.

### CHINA WORKING OUT JAPANESE WELCOME LOS ANGELES LINE STANDARD RAILWAY

Some Progress Made in Vast Undertaking Despite the Civil War.

PEKING, Sept. 10.—Despite the civil war and political upheavals the Chinese Ministry of Communications is following up the good work started several years ago toward the standardization of railways by the study of railway track, tunnels, bridges, signals, cars, locometives and operating methods, with a view of eventually developing standards of design and operation.

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Since the arrival of the advisers several conferences have been held, which were attended by the members of the Commission on Railway Tchnics, various officers of the Ministry and the officers of the various railway lines, with thresuit that considerable progress habeen been made.

The civil engineering section to date has held two conferences, at which many questions were discussed relating to clearances, the design of road bed, ballast, sleepers, designs and specifications for rails and fastenings, designs for switches and designs and specifications for bridges. Two conferences have also been held by the mechanical engineering section, at which consideration was given to freight car capacities and to the various details of freight and passenger car and locomotive designs and construction. A conference was also held by the Traffic Section, which considered questions of operations. Three conferences of each of the year, when it is expected that satisfactory conclusions will be reached on many of the points under consideration. The announced purpose of the Ministry of Communications is to endeavor to develop designs and methods which will enable the lines of the Chinese Government Railways to order materials or equipment from any country able to furnish such materials on a basis that will be advantageous to China and fair to foreign manufacturers.

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The reports also touched on America as contributory to the device to the Orient. America and the centre of Japanes

# ficial Duties Soon.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—His Majesty the Emperor of Japan is fast recovering his health, according to the newspaper ashahi, which says he is expected to return from Nikko within a few weeks, accompanied by Her Majesty the Em-

press.

Upon his return to Tokio, the Emperor will stay in the Imperial Palace for the present to recuperate further while attending to his imperial duties.

A high official of the Imperial household department is quoted as saying that His Majesty may for the present refrain from attending formal ceremo-

## Find It Necessary to Watch Christian Buildings.

SECUL, Corea, Oct. 5.—The semi-offi-cial Secul Frees printed an interview with a police department official assert-ing that some Corean places of Christian

# BIG PACIFIC LINER READY NEXT MONTH

First of U. S. Shipping Board Vessels Will Be Assigned to the Admiral Line.

SEATTLE, Oct. 9 .- The first of the new

SEATTLE, Oct. 9.—The first of the new United States Shipping Board passenger Iners to be delivered to the transpacific stipping companies will be the Wenathace, which is expected to be ready to steam from New York for Seattle the inter part of November, according to E. G. McMicken, general passenger agent of the Admiral Line, who recently returned from Camden N. J., where he had inspected the new steamers. The Wenatchee will go to the Admiral Line. Mr. McMicken said the Wenatchee will carry an intercoastal excursion from New York to Seattle via the Panama Canal on her maiden yoyage. The Keystone State, which will be the second vossel released, will be delivered about sixty days after the Wenatchee. Nineteen passenger vossels are being constructed for the Shipping Board twelve of which will be of one size and seven smaller. Five of the large ships will be assigned to the Admiral Line for the run between Seattle and the Orient, and five to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to be operated between San Francisco and the Far East via Honolulu.

"The new ships will be the last word in ship construction," Mr. McMicken said. "The principal cabins will have twin beds and there will be many rooms will be heated with electricity, and for the summer season electric fans will be provided. There will be verandas and promenade decks enclosed in glass."

The larger yessels measure 53 feet in

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The larger vessels measure 535 feet in length and 50 feet deep. They are commonly spoken of as 13,000 deadweight ton vessels, although the displacement is 20,800 tons. Each ship will be capable of transporting approximately 10,000 tons of cargo. They will be oil burning and carry their bunkers in the cullular bottom, giving a steaming radius of 11,000 miles. The ships are twin screw and will be capable of making seventeen and a half knots. Each vessel will have accommodations for 265 first class passengers and 300 third class. No second class accommodations will be provided. Each vessel has four complete decks—a shelter deck, full shade deek, bridge deck, upon which are located the first class smoking room, and a bridge deck, with the officers' quarters.

### OSAKA'S SHIPPING INTERESTS INCREASE

Equipment Investigating Office Opened at Port.

OSAKA, Sept. 15 .- A branch of the OSAKA, Sept. 15.—A branch of the slide equipment investigation office of the mercantile marine bureau has been opened here to investigate all kinds of stip equipment and issue certificates as to the quality of the articles investigated.

It was necessary to open the new branch because of the great development of shipping trade, here. It is also expected that are all branch will be established?

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### Australan News

MELBOURNE, - The recent withhe interest in empire wireless schemes. The Amalgamated Wireless Company of Australia is proposing here a new scheme for the establishment of a high scheme for the establishment of a high power, high speed dupies station near Sydney, Brisbane or Perth in order to communicate directly with a corresponding station in England. There is also to be a medium power feeder station in each of the other States to pass traffic to and from the main trunk station. All these stations will be able to communicate with the main trunk system. municate with the main trunk system without affecting simultaneous distant

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The company offers to handle all classes of messages at one-third of the present rates, to give the Common-present rates, to give the profits, to make the profits, to the stations working ns at any time in the event of national danger and to grant the Govern-ment the right of resumption at all times. The company also offers to transfer the undertaking to the Gov-ernment free at the end of a term of years.

SYDNEY.-The decision of the Trade SYDNEY.—The decision of the Trade Unions' Conference here to inaugurate a policy of "irritation." to "go slow" and to institute propaganda on warships if the Federal Government determines on further deportations of undesirable aliens has incensed the Labor Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Storey. He describes the policy as "the braying of asses and the work of men of disordered brains."

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Mr. Storey is having his hands full. Bent on a policy of moderation, he recently brought about the release of a number of I. W. W. who had been imprisoned on various charges. Several of the liberated paid for his kindness of the liberated paid for his kindness. by delivering inflammatory, revolution-ary speeches in the public parks, much to the Labor Minister's exasperation.

SYDNEY.—The General Steamship Corporation of San Francisco has in-angurated a monthly cargo service from San Francisco to Australia and New Zealand. Two new steamers, the West-mahwah, of 10,000 tons, and a sister ship, the Westholbrook, are to be em-ployed in the service. Both vessels will use oil fuel.

the prospects are said to be favorable for the existence of very much larger quantities.

MELBOURNE.—The Commonwealth authorities are already preparing for the taking of the census on April 24 of the taking of the census on April 24 of the taking of the census on April 24 or next year. Special machines, such as are used in Great Britain and the United States, will be employed for the first time in Australia for sorting centures.

### MANY VESSELS LOST Explosion Spreads Blaze to Whole Fleet.

HARBIN, Sept. 4 .- One big steamer

IN CHINESE RIVER FIRE
Explosion Spreads Blaze to Whole Flast

HARRIN, Sept. 4.—One big steamer, eighteen small steam launches and gieven Chinese barges were destroyed while several other steamers and barges were more or less badly damaged in a big fire on the Sungari River.

According to an investigation one of the steamers chartered by the Siberian Cooperative Society for the transport of food was in the act of unloading a boat with petrol and benzine when suddenly an explosion occurred, and before anything could be done the flames spread to the steamer. In half an hour five other MALAYAN AUTOMOBILE NEEDS.

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### Expert Says New Steamship Service Will Benefit His Countrymen in California.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—Considerable portance is attached in Japanese ship Lo: Angeles Pacific Steamship Compan for the inauguration of a shipping service from Los Angeles to Yokohama and

While admitting the important effect which the new service will have on Jananese shipping a Japanese marine expert welcomes it as contributory to the development of trade between Japan and the centre of Japanese immigration in America. He says:

"Of late America has come to pay much attention to the Orient and the

able to furnish such materials on the state of the state of establishing a new policy of financing china and fair to foreign manufactures.

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The Ministry is also desirous of encouraging industries established in China in order that they may be developed to the greatest possible extent and avoid some of the troubles which are unavoidable in procuring material and equipment from outside countries.

JAPAN'S EMPERCA RECOVERING RAPIDLY

His Majesty Will Resume Official Duties Soon.

Expert and the United States with the organization of the United States with the shipping law to Japan's ocean borne commerce was also under discussion, et also desiron on the problem.

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It is also reported that the completion of the new station will mean the Funa-hashi wireless station will be used ex-clusively by the navy.

HIGH GRADE IRON ORE IS FOUND IN INDIA Enormous Beds Opened in Several Localities.

Important deposits of high grade iro

A high official of the Imperial household department is quoted as saying that His Majesty may for the present refrain from attending formal ceremonies in the palace.

That the pleasant weather in Tokio in the fall will be so beneficial to his health that it may not be necessary for him to go to Numazu to stay for an extended period of time, as he did in the spring of last year, is thought probable.

COREANS SAY CHURCHES

ARE USED BY PLOTTERS

Important deposits of high grade iron fore, most hematite associated with a bring that the present presently been opened in India. The best known deposits are those of Mayurthang and Singbhun in Blar and Orissa, Chanda and Brug in the central provinces, Kadur and Mysore, and Goa.

The Mayurthang deposits are being worked by the Tat Iron and Steel Company at Gurumarshini, where a lense of hematite has been proved to contain 15,000,000 tons for every ten feet of depth. This ore average over 60 per cent, iron; manganese, .08 per cent.; sulphur, .01 per cent, and phosphorus, .03 per cent. per cent.
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MELBOURNE.-In order to encourage the doll making industry in Australia heads, limbs, eyes and wiga of dolls are to be admitted free of duty.

MELBOURNE.-The Ministry of De-MELBOURNE.—The Ministry of De-fence, in opening an exhibition of enemy and Australian aircraft in Melbourne recently, referred to the necessity of encouraging commercial aviation in Australia in order that commercial ma-chines might in time of war be utilized for military purposes.

with a police department official asserting that some Corean places of Christian passage only is possible. The completion of bridges for heavy carriages and carts over the Nal is planned.

NEW LINE FOR ORIENT.

Vessel Will Run Retween Naganaki and Shanghai.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, according to commercial advices, has decided to start a Nagasaki-Shanghai direct service, with a vessel of 6,000 tons, which is now being built in England. It is estimated that this new service will shorten the period taken to travel from Japan to China by one-third of the former time. The vessel which will nagurate the new service will be fitted with wireless apparatus and all the most modern conveniences.

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